A True Muslim

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Baba and Mansoor sat under the old mango tree in their garden. A gentle breeze swayed the branches, and the birds chirped in the background.

Mansoor: Baba, today at school, my friend Ali pushed another boy and called him mean names. The boy looked so sad. I didn't know what to do.

Baba: That's a very important question, my son. Tell me, do you know what it means to be a true Muslim?

Mansoor: Hmm… a Muslim prays, fasts in Ramadan, and gives charity.

Baba: Yes, my dear. But our beloved Prophet ﷺ taught us something else as well. He said: "A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue and hands." This means a true Muslim does not hurt others—neither by words nor by actions.

Mansoor: Oh! That means pushing someone or calling them bad names is wrong!

Baba: Exactly! The Prophet ﷺ also said that a Muhajir is the one who leaves behind everything that Allah has forbidden. So, a real Muhajir today is someone who stays away from bad things—like hurting others, lying, or being unkind.

Mansoor: I understand now, Baba! Being a good Muslim is not just about praying but also about how we treat others.

Baba: Yes, my son. We must be gentle, kind, and speak only good words. When we do this, we make Allah happy and bring peace to our hearts.

Mansoor: Baba, tomorrow at school, I will remind Ali about this Hadith and tell him to be kind.

Baba: That's my boy! Spreading goodness is also part of being a good Muslim.